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Rallying Drug-Free Support from Sports Fans/Athletes at Sochi Olympics

Volunteers from Scientology Churches in Moscow and St. Petersburg promote healthy, drug-free living at Sochi Winter Games.

With thousands of visitors in Sochi from around the world, volunteers from the Church of Scientology of Moscow and the Church of Scientology of St. Petersburg were there, encouraging one and all to embrace a healthy, drug-free lifestyle and to join in the grassroots initiative to create a world free of drug abuse and addiction.

The volunteers placed *Truth About Drugs* educational booklets in stores and shops around the city and distributed copies of the booklets to Olympics fans.

They also lectured to hundreds of students in Sochi schools and trained local youth on the Truth About Drugs curriculum, so they can conduct their own drug-prevention lectures and seminars after the volunteers return home.

On of the volunteers said, "Drugs and sports don't mix—not only "doping" drugs that ruin so many stellar athletes, but street drugs too. They harm performance as well as health."

For example, *The Truth About Drugs* booklet describes some of the short-term effects of cannabis—including loss of coordination and distortions in the sense of time, vision and hearing—any of which would make it impossible to successfully compete in athletics.

Finally, drug use opens the communities to criminal elements—the opposite end of the spectrum from the friendly, enthusiastic atmosphere found at the Olympics and other sports competitions.

Scientologists on five continents work in their communities throughout the year to empower others with the truth about drugs. The Church and its members are dedicated to eradicating drug abuse through education.

The Church of Scientology supports The Truth About Drugs initiative, one of the world's largest nongovernmental drug education and prevention campaigns.

It has been conclusively proven that when young people are provided with the truth about drugs—factual information on what drugs are and what they do—usage rates drop commensurately.

The Church of Scientology has published a brochure, *Scientology: How We Help—The Truth About Drugs, Creating a Drug-Free World*, to meet requests for more information about the drug education and prevention initiative it supports. To learn more or read the brochure, visit the [Scientology website](#).

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Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard wrote, "The planet has hit a barrier which prevents any widespread social progress—drugs and other biochemical substances. These can put people into a condition which not only prohibits and destroys physical health but which can prevent any stable advancement in mental or spiritual well-being."



Volunteer places copies of *The Truth About Drugs* in a Sochi music store, making them available to local residents and those visiting for the Olympics.



A Scientologist, in Sochi for the Olympics, places copies of *The Truth About Drugs* educational booklets in a local shop.